

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

FIRST RESPONSE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Amber Russell, Chair
Judy Kerr, Vice Chair
Chris Gregory, Secretary

Linda Bruce
Shane Burton
Brian Crook

David Nollner
Steve Whittaker

Ex-Officio members by position, non-voting

Matt Batey, EMA/EMS
Tim Moore, Rescue

Mark Beeler, Vol Fire
Ray Russell, Sheriff

Wayland Cothron, Chief Dep
Dr. CM Tripp, MD Med Ex

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 | 6:00 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review minutes from August 25, 2025
3. Department Reports
 - A. **EMA/EMS** – *Matt Batey*
 - B. **Fire** – *Mark Beeler*
 - C. **Rescue** – *Tim Moore*
 - D. **Law Enforcement** – *Ray Russell*
4. Discussion Items
 - A. Burn Permit – *Beeler*
 - B. Other Discussion
5. Public Comments
6. Adjourn

Monthly Reports for all Departments:

- Personnel/Staff
- Vehicle Fleet
- Call Reports
- Training Activities
- Maintenance Needs
- Budget concerns/requests
- Pending Grants

FIRST RESPONSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 25, 2025, 6 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

Present: Amber Russell, Chris Gregory, David Nollner, Steve Whittaker, Linda Sue Bruce, Shane Burton

Others Present: Sheriff Ray Russell, Chief Deputy Wayland Cothron, EMS Director Matt Batey, Fire Chief Mark Beeler, Gina Duncan, David Thomas, Ken Buckmaster, Lonnie Giese, Lane Hardin of TN Homeland Security

Chairman Amber Russell called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the June 23, 2025 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve by Bruce, second by Gregory. Motion approved.**

Motion to set agenda by Gregory, second by Bruce. Motion approved.

EMS Director Matt Batey presented department report. Department is fully staffed; have been couple of large maintenance items on ambulances but all are in service now. In-house training being done in coordination w/ Ascension St. Thomas. No budget issues at present. Batey introduced Lane Hardin, new agent with Tennessee Homeland Security for Trousdale County.

Gregory asked about presented revenue numbers for July, which showed less than half collected of what was billed. Batey cited bad debt, contracted write offs, late pay by insurance; numbers should look better down the road.

No fire department report presented.

Lonnie Giese presented Rescue Squad report, chart with 2025 calls to date and broken down by sort, few more motor vehicle accidents. Eight members will soon have completed Swiftwater training. Squad approved to buy new RAM and one new jack, funds from state grant received. Enbridge grant being used to buy turnout gear, upgrade radios. Most turnout gear arrived, some lost in shipping and waiting to locate. Squad is now full member of Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads. Dues for TARS were \$100 for squad and \$30 per member, may not be enough in that budgeted line item. All vehicles are in working order.

Chairman Russell asked about building repairs for Rescue Squad. AC has been replaced. Public Works working to address mold issues. One wall is rotting out.

Sheriff Ray Russell and Chief Deputy Wayland Cothron presented department report. Currently seven officers short after one left for Lebanon last week. Getting few applicants and those are mostly unable to pass background checks, from out of state or have other issues. Two vehicles are on order at present: detective truck and workhouse truck.

Cothron presented July call report: 1,593 cards over last 30 days, 66 booked into jail, 203 warrants served.

Sheriff Russell said all officers have undergone retraining on new TASERs from Axon, and old TASERs have been discontinued. Cothron said new bodycams have also arrived and will be issued soon to deputies, 25 cameras total. Eagle Eye surveillance system has been installed at courthouse, jail, sheriff's office, both radio tower sites. Plans are to provide method to allow public to view in real time. One officer

has completed drone training class and has FAA pilot license. Drone has been ordered, funding from sex offender registry fund at \$9,500. Block safety cameras have been ordered, awaiting permits from TDOT.

Department still needs radio upgrade, especially on west side of county. Sheriff Russell said new Gravel Hill radio tower should be out for bid shortly.

Chairman Russell asked about TCRS retirement survey for bridge program. State should be conducting that survey shortly, no timeframe received yet.

Cothron said TCSD had discussed with Fire Chief Mark Beeler about dispatch paging fire calls, fire seems to be OK with how handled at present.

TCSD has talked to TVA about demolition of nuclear tower, public being advised to stay away from area. Pictures of demolition will be published, no date announced yet. TCSD plans to have public viewing area.

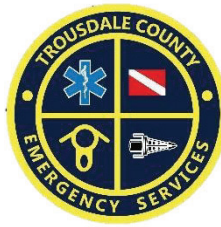
Sheriff Russell noted increase in out-of-state prisoner transports, 60 cases from Trousdale prison expected for September. Over 250 indictments have come down in prison-related cases since January 2023.

Committee discussed County Hazard Mitigation Plan to be voted on by full Commission. Batey said FEMA approval process started in 2024, plan requires updating every five years. Plan evaluates potential natural hazards; weather is primary concern under plan in Trousdale.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 22 at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Gregory, second by Whittaker. Motion approved.

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.



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Date: **9/8/2025**

EMS MONTHLY REPORT FOR: **August 2025**

NUMBER OF CALLS FOR THE MONTH: **137**

NUMBER OF PERSONS TRANSPORTED: **95**

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME: **8.3**

TRANSPORTED TO TROUSDALE MEDICAL: **15**

TRANSFERRED FROM TROUSDALE MEDICAL **30**

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER FACILITIES: **65**

PATIENT REVENUE BILLED: **78,018.07**

PATIENT REVENUE COLLECTED: **51,824.61**

TOTAL FISCAL YEAR REVENUE: **96,024.24**

PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY INSURANCE TYPES

MEDICARE: **7,997.83**

AMERICHOICE: **4,493.11**

WELLPOINT **4,594.29**

BLUECARE: **3,367.28**

BCBS: **3,567.59**

PRISON: **7,175.79**

SELF PAY: **6,217.76**

OTHER MISC: **14,410.96**

AMBULANCES STAFFED EACH DAY: **2**

CALLS BY TYPE

911 EMERGENCIES: **92**

NON-EMERGENCIES: **45**

DIALYSIS TRANSPORTS: **0**

RESCUE ASSIST: **2**

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Operations Report

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Period 02 (25-02)

August 2025(Status:Not Closed)

<u>Cash</u>	This Fiscal Year		Last Fiscal Year	
	Month	Year To Date	Month	Year To Date
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Non-Transports	0	0	0	0
Total Transports	95	203	97	195
Total Cash	\$51,824.61	\$96,024.24	\$53,653.97	\$106,287.62
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Cash - Adjusted YTD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Cash Adjusted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Total Disc. And W/O	\$41,445.94	\$77,913.25	\$38,125.41	\$84,754.90
Disc. And W/O Adjusted YTD	\$0.00	(\$237.46)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disc. W/O Adjusted	(\$237.46)	(\$237.46)	(\$724.70)	(\$724.70)
Total Charges	\$78,018.07	\$169,081.13	\$74,562.57	\$154,233.87
Charges - Adjusted YTD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Charges Adjusted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A/R Balance	(\$15,015.02)	(\$144,487.15)	(\$17,216.81)	(\$123,401.44)
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Cash Per Transport	\$545.52	\$473.03	\$553.13	\$545.06
Cost Per Call	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Collection Rate	66%	57%	72%	69%

<u>Discounts and WriteOffs</u>	This Fiscal Year		Last Fiscal Year	
	Month	Year To Date	Month	Year To Date
Discount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refund - Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WriteOff - Auto Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WriteOff - Bad Debt	\$11,761.86	\$21,458.58	\$8,370.73	\$15,323.06
WriteOff - Charity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
WriteOff - Contract	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contractual - Insurance	\$20,682.53	\$38,652.48	\$18,041.10	\$41,994.24
Contractual - Medicaid	\$1,550.47	\$3,130.28	\$2,407.81	\$4,156.42
Contractual - Medicare	\$6,806.08	\$12,881.45	\$6,384.13	\$19,737.35
WriteOff - Other	\$645.00	\$1,259.00	\$1,076.00	\$1,698.19
WriteOff - Self Pay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WriteOff - Timely Filing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WriteOff - Workers Comp	\$0.00	\$294.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Total - (Minus Discount)	\$41,445.94	\$77,675.79	\$36,579.77	\$83,209.26
Adj. Collection Rate	105.81%	83.92%	112.41%	120.31%

H/TC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

First Response Services Committee

September 22, 2025

Membership – 20 Active - 1 new member processing

Officers: 2 Asst Chiefs 1 Captain 3 Lieutenants

Vehicle Fleet Needs -

Need a garage addition for vehicles. Support 11 and Rescue 3 parked outside

Call Report – Dec 1, 2024 to Sept 16, 2025

Total Calls - 104

Structure – 8	Grass Fire –20	Control Burn – 7
Vehicle – 4	MVA – 5	Gas Leak – 6
Public Assist – 5	Equipment – 7	False Alarms – 41
Mutual Aid Given – 9	Received - 1	

Emergency Calls – 55

Avg Response Time – 7.31 min

Non-emergency Calls – 36

Avg Response Time – 9.97 min

Overall Avg Response Time – 8.45 min

Avg Fireman per Call – 8.50

Daytime Calls – 68

Nighttime Calls – 36

Urban Service Calls – 34

General Services Calls – 70

YTD Per Diem Pay - \$34,390

Training Activities – 3-hour monthly training, Using Vector Solutions training modules, monthly preventive maintenance checklist for trucks and equipment. The last training was emergency driving.

Maintenance Needs – None

Budget Concerns – Building addition to store all vehicles and equipment. No update from architect



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Membership - 18 Active 1 new member being processed

Officers: 2 | 1 Captain 1 Lieutenant

Vehicle Fleet Needs – Nothing at this time

Call Report- Dec 1, 2024 to Sept 19,2025

Budget Concerns- none

Maintenance needs- same building issue that turned into cliff

Training- one member going to get state certification for Evoc, Vanessa K Free, Blood borne pathogen and Extrication trainer.

This will save the county money in the long run with not having to pay out of pocket for yearly Certification's for the members and Fire Department members'

YTD Per Diem Pay- \$18,350.00

Water Rescue Total	0
MVA WITH INJURYS Total	18
MVA WITH OUT INJURYS Total	2
OUT OF COUNTY ASSIST Total	0
ASSIST EMS Total	22
Storm Damage Total	1
Public Assist	10
Daytime Call	31
Night time call	22
City	21
County	32
Average Response Daytime	5.10
Average Response Nighttime	7.05
Average Response Day City	3.00
Average Response Night City	4.63
Average RESCUE MEMBER City Daytime	2.38
Average RESCUE MEMBER County Daytime	3.78
Average Rescue City Nighttime	3.63
Average Rescue County Nighttime	3.71
e=emergency	130
n=non emergency	27
c=canceled	3
o=out of county	0

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

ORDINANCE #XXX-2025-XX

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY CODE
BY ADDING SECTION 7-207 BURN PERMITS**

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for a safe and peaceful community for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Hartsville/Trousdale County Volunteer Fire Department along with the Codes and Zoning Committee recommends that current chapters within Title 7 of the Hartsville/Trousdale County Code be reviewed and edited to better service the community; and

WHEREAS, the Hartsville/Trousdale County Code Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks must reflect current laws, ordinances, and practices as required by the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission meeting in regular session, that

SECTION 1. The Hartsville/Trousdale County Municipal Code Title 7 be amended as attached to this Ordinance by adding Section 7-207. Burn Permits.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage per the second reading by the County Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

Recommended by the Codes & Zoning Committee on _____.

Public Hearing to be held on _____ if approved on 1st Reading

Motion: _____

	1M _____	Electronic Vote				
First Reading	_____ 2m _____	Yes _____	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____	_____

Motion: _____

	1M _____	Electronic Vote				
Second Reading	_____ 2m _____	Yes _____	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____	_____

Approved:

Attest:

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE

SECTION

- 7-201 Fire Code Adopted
- 7-202 Enforcement
- 7-203 Definition of municipality
- 7-204 Gasoline Trucks
- 7-205 Variances
- 7-206 Violations

7-207 Burn Permits

7-207. Burn Permits. Subject refers to open burning within the Urban Services District and is Restricted as follows:

Definition: Open burning refers to the burning of any material in an open area where the combustion byproducts are released directly into the air and outside of an enclosed space.

(1) Open Burning Permitted Without a Permit: The following types of open burning may be conducted without a permit, provided that no public nuisance is or will be created by the open burning: (a) Fires used for the cooking of food or for ceremonial or recreational purposes, including barbecues, fire pits, and outdoor fireplaces. (b) Fires set for the training and instruction of firemen or for research in fire protection or prevention or Right-of-Way clearing by authorized contractor(s).

(2) Open Burning Requiring a Permit: The open burning of trees, limbs, leaves, brush, and grass shall be conducted by permit only.

(3) Prohibited Open Burning: No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit open burning of the following:

- Refuse
- Garbage
- Trade Waste
- Flammables
- Combustibles
- Wood Scraps
- Materials from Construction or Salvage Operations

(4) Liability for Damages: Adherence to these regulations will not relieve the person responsible for such burning from the consequences of any damages, injuries, or claims resulting from such open burning.

(5) Compliance with Tennessee Air Quality Act: Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with or be contrary to the Tennessee Air Quality Act (Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-22-108, et seq.). The person or organization seeking a permit shall be solely responsible for compliance with the Act in the event a permit is issued.

- (6) Compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA):** Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with or be contrary to TCA 39-14-304 (Reckless Burning) or TCA 39-14-306 (Setting Fires at Certain Times Without a Permit).
- (7) Penalties for Non-Compliance:** Failure to obtain the required burn permit or to comply with the open burning regulations may result in punitive actions, including but not limited to fines, penalties, or other legal actions.
- (8) Ordinance Superseding:** Adoption of this ordinance voids, vacates, and supersedes Ordinance #9-93 entitled "An Ordinance of the Town of Hartsville, Tennessee, to amend Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 7-202 of the Hartsville Municipal Code."
- (9) Permit Application Availability:** Burn permit applications are available at the Trousdale County Clerk's office. The permit is only valid for the day it is issued.
- (10) Application Fee:** A \$20 application fee is required with each burn permit application. This fee is to be reserved for the needs of the Volunteer Fire Department.